

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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JASON O. GRIFFITH,

Petitioner,

v.

JEREMY BEAN, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:23-cv-00853-RFB-BNW

Order Directing Service of the Petition  
and Denying Application to Proceed  
In Forma Pauperis

Jason O. Griffith filed an amended *pro se* 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus petition pursuant to this court's order. (ECF Nos. 6, 8.) He has paid the filing fee; therefore, his second application to proceed in forma pauperis is denied as moot. (ECF No. 7.) The court has conducted a preliminary review of the petition under Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts and directs that it be served on respondents.

A petition for federal habeas corpus should include all claims for relief of which petitioner is aware. If the Petitioner fails to include such a claim in his petition, he may be forever barred from seeking federal habeas relief upon that claim. See 28 U.S.C. §2244(b) (successive petitions). If the Petitioner is aware of any claim not included in his petition, he should notify the court of that as soon as possible, perhaps by means of a motion to amend his petition to add the claim.

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1           **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Petitioner's second application to  
2 proceed in forma pauperis (**ECF No. 7**) is **DENIED** as moot.

3           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court electronically **SERVE** the  
4 amended petition (**ECF No. 8**) on respondents.

5           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk add Aaron D. Ford, Nevada Attorney  
6 General, as counsel for respondents and provide respondents an electronic copy of all  
7 items previously filed in this case by regenerating the Notice of Electronic Filing to the  
8 office of the AG only.

9           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents file a response to the petition,  
10 including potentially by motion to dismiss, within **90 days** of service of the petition, with  
11 any requests for relief by Petitioner by motion otherwise being subject to the normal  
12 briefing schedule under the local rules. Any response filed is to comply with the  
13 remaining provisions below, which are entered pursuant to Habeas Rule 5.

14           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any procedural defenses raised by respondents  
15 in this case be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In other  
16 words, the Court does not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either  
17 in seriatum fashion in multiple successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the  
18 answer. Procedural defenses omitted from such motion to dismiss will be subject to  
19 potential waiver. Respondents should not file a response in this case that consolidates  
20 their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the merits, except pursuant to  
21 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit. If  
22 respondents do seek dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they will  
23 do so within the single motion to dismiss not in the answer; and (b) they will specifically  
24 direct their argument to the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in  
25 Cassett v. Stewart, 406 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural  
26 defenses, including exhaustion, should be included with the merits in an answer. All  
27 procedural defenses, including exhaustion, instead must be raised by motion to dismiss.  
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1           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents  
2 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state  
3 court record materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

4           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Petitioner has **60 days** from service of the  
5 answer, motion to dismiss, or other response to file a reply or opposition, with any other  
6 requests for relief by respondents by motion otherwise being subject to the normal  
7 briefing schedule under the local rules.

8           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any additional state court record exhibits filed  
9 herein by either petitioner or respondents be filed with a separate index of exhibits  
10 identifying the exhibits by number. The parties will identify filed CM/ECF attachments by  
11 the number of the exhibit in the attachment. Each exhibit will be filed as a separate  
12 attachment.

13           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, at this time, the parties send courtesy copies of  
14 **any responsive pleading or motion and all INDICES OF EXHIBITS ONLY** to the  
15 Reno Division of this court. Courtesy copies shall be mailed to the Clerk of Court, 400  
16 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV, 89501, and directed to the attention of "Staff Attorney" on the  
17 outside of the mailing address label. **No further courtesy copies are required unless**  
18 **and until requested by the court.**

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RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE